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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Subcommittee Structure

1. Attached for your information is a graphic portrayal of the subcommittee structure of the Intelligence Research and Development Council as of 20 February 1975. The relationship to certain other intelligence or intelligence-related subcommittees is also depicted. Also attached is a brief descriptive summary of the Council which has been distributed to IRAC and USIB principals.

2. Changes in this list should be made in writing to the IR&D Council Secretariat

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Executive Director

Attachments:

1. Subcommittee structure chart
2. Descriptive summary of IR&D Council

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## THE INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The Intelligence Research and Development Council (IR&DC) was established in November 1973 as a permanent subcommittee of the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee (IRAC). It is chaired by the Director, Defense Research and Engineering. Council membership consists of: the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Deputy Director for R&D, National Security Agency; the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; the Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency; the Under Secretaries of the Navy and Air Force; the Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force for R&D; the Associate Deputy Director for Science and Technology, Central Intelligence Agency; and the Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Establishment of the IR&D Council was driven by several factors. First of all, there was a perceived need to insure that intelligence research and development resources were properly attuned to meet the challenges of the 1980s in the face of severe fiscal constraints, the era of detente, and the emerging role of third world nations. Secondly, it was observed that compartmentation prevented exchange of technology among intelligence community organizations and restricted the use of technology already available in the research and development arena external to the intelligence community. Thirdly, there was no effective mechanism within the intelligence community to assess when duplicative or parallel technology efforts were not warranted. Finally, there was no single focal point within the intelligence community to serve R&D planners in development of objectives.

The Council meets monthly in the Pentagon for a four-hour session. During the past year, the Council has reviewed all R&D programs of member organizations. In July 1974, the Council issued a report citing the perceived top five R&D problem areas, further described other problem areas, and listed those technology areas where it observed that increased emphasis by the intelligence community could lead to high pay-off in satisfaction of intelligence objectives.

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The results of the review of intelligence R&D across Government organizations (less the FBI and Treasury) are reported in "Intelligence Research and Development -- 1974-1980". Published in three volumes, it contains departmental R&D organizations, R&D funding profiles, R&D project/program descriptions, and arrays this information at all classification levels by intelligence functional categories such as collection, production, analysis, ELINT, laser, etc., to cite a few. It is planned to update information contained therein twice yearly. These documents are distributed to the members and their R&D planning staffs. 25X1A

The present Chairman is Dr. Malcolm R. Currie, Director, Defense Research and Engineering. The Council formally reports to the Chairman, IRAC, in mid July of each year. This report summarizes

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past year activities, consolidates recommendations, and projects the ensuing year's activity. Reports and recommendations on specific problems are issued periodically. Minutes of each Council session are distributed to member organizations and their supporting staffs.

Future plans call for the Council to continue to address key problems as they surface and formulate recommendations, perform trends analyses and technological forecasting studies from the base now established, and provide direction to the several subcommittees presently in being. Administrative support to the Chairman and the Council is provided by the Intelligence Community Staff.

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